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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I was so happy when I could finally ditch Comcast and AT&T that I had for my Internet and telephone landline respectively, and switch to a gigabit fiber connection provided locally by Sonic.

As I was reminding my neighbors recently, I get better quality, better performance, better service and better support, all for less than half the price.

And I especially enjoy having consistently Internet speed at ~935Mbps download and upload, more than 10 times faster than my previous Xfinity connection, and free phone calls to landlines in Europe, Hongkong and China, Cell phone calls to cell and landline in Canada, where AT&T was charging an arm and a leg.

On top of having to pay for the long distance calls, AT&T also charged me a monthly long distance fee even if I do not make long distance in that month.

Please do not dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act as proposed by the US Telecom petition. They keep the smaller, local broadband providers alive and able to help not only power families, libraries and schools, but also support local small businesses as well with affordable and reliable internet.

Support the actual American people, not big lobbying wannabe monopolies!

Reject the US Telecom petition!

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